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Suffolk Downs Construction to be all union

By John Lynds

An historic Project Labor Agreement (PLA) inked this week between HYM Investment Group, Building Trades Unions and John Moriarty & Associates (JMA) will ensure that construction of the Suffolk Downs mixed-use development site will be union

According to the PLA, the agreement will create 14,000 union construction jobs. HYM also agreed to make a significant investment in workforce development in East Boston and Revere to ensure that more local residents have the skills to fill future jobs at Suffolk Downs. This will create an employment pipeline to quality, union jobs for Eastie and Revere resi-

The 16 million squarefoot mixed-use development by HYM will include

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Congressman Kennedy to hold a Spanish Language Town Hall in Eastie

By John Lynds

U.S. Congressman and U.S. Senate Candidate Joe Kennedy III announced this week that he will host a series of Town Hall-style meeting across the Commonwealth--including one in East Boston.

The Spanish Language Town Hall in Eastie will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1 at a location to be announced.

Kennedy said through the Town Hall meetings he wants to continue his commitment to showing up in every corner of the Commonwealth. Eastie's Town Hall will be one of 14 Town Halls Kennedy scheduled as part of his campaign that has been crisscrossing the state. These town halls will be open to all and al-

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CHOIR FESTIVAL



Seven local choirs performed in the St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Parish sixth Annual Choir Festival including the East Boston Central Catholic School who sung "One Moment in Time." See Page 3 for more photos.

Eastie loses two great men

By John Lynds

It was a tough few days for East Boston as two great men that brought smiles to thousands of faces over the years passed away. First Eastie said goodbye

to Salvatore "Smiley" Mattera who died on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Smiley was a longtime supporter of Eastie's Pop Warner program as a volunteer, assistant coach and all around champion of the

Mattera, who lived on Havre Street, was also a





fixture year after year at hood event, Smiley was Eastie Pride Day. Every always busy cooking hunyear during the neighbor-

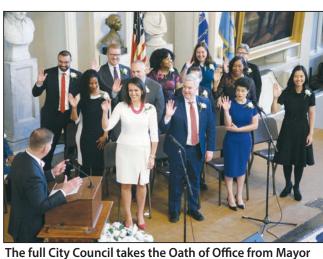
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City Council welcomes four new members; elects Kim Janey as council president

By Lauren Bennett

Four new members of the Boston City Council were sworn in at Faneuil Hall on Monday, joining their nine returning colleagues to create a historic council that is majority female and majority people of color. District Councilors Kenzie Bok, Ricardo Arroyo, Liz Breadon, and At-Large Councilor Julia Mejia—the first-ever Latina on the council—all took

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Martin Walsh in Faneuil Hall on Monday, Jan. 6. It is the most diverse Council in the history of the City, and the first time that it has been a majority-female Council.

Building our community

Mayor's State of the City speech calls for creation of an East Boston Transportation Action Committee

By John Lynds

In his State of the City address Tuesday night at Boston Symphony Hall Mayor Martin Walsh announced the creation of an East Boston Transportation Action Committee. Anyone who has lived

in this community prior to and after the removal of the Sumner Tunnel toll plaza and reconfiguration of the roads leading into the tunnel by MassDOT knows traffic has gotten only worse in Eastie.

At a community meeting called by East Boston's elected officials last year, MassDOT was forced to admit that when designing the new entrance into the Sumner Tunnel the state agency used outdated traffic projections. MassDOT predicted traffic going into the tunnel would grow by .5 percent each year. Going on those projections traffic into

the Sumner should have only grown by 2.5 percent from 2013 to 2018. However, MassDOT engineer Andrew Paul reported that traffic had exploded and there was a whopping 47 percent increase in tunnel traffic since 2013. That is nearly 45 percent more than MassDOT predicted over the same time period.

represented growth 20 times what MassDOT expected.

"This year, we will build on our community planning in East Boston, launching a Transportation Action Committee to address the traffic challenges there," said Mayor Walsh during his State of the City Tuesday night. "Transportation is crucial to ensuring our residents can get to their homes, their jobs and their schools, and my Administration will continue work-

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YMCA's Carlos Fuentes promoted to Youth and Family Program Director

By John Lynds

The East Boston YMCA announced this week that Carlos Fuentes has been promoted to Youth and Family Program Director. Fuentes was the Teen Program Director at the East Boston YMCA where he oversaw relationships with the surrounding middle and high schools and manages the academic credit recovery programs, as well as

teen nights. His portfolio will now include overseeing Teen Programs, Youth Sports, Child Watch, Family Engagement and oversight of the Ashley Street Teaching Kitchen.

"We are excited to see what Carlos does in his new role," said East Boston VMCA Executive Director

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Carlos Fuentes has been promoted to Youth and Family Program Director at the East Boston YMCA.

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THE EARTH IS ON FIRE

As this is being written, reports indicate that the worst is yet to come for the people of Australia, whose land literally is burning up all around them.

The apocalyptic images of families being driven from their homes, wearing face masks and eye goggles because of the acrid smoke that is darkening the daytime sky, and then being evacuated by boat from the beaches, are something out of a science fiction film.

But now, in 2020, reality has caught up with science

The Australian bush fires are the apex of what has been a sad, sad year for our planet. The Australian fires already have destroyed about 15 million acres — an area almost as large as West Virginia, more than triple the area destroyed by the 2018 fires in California, and six times the size of the fires last summer in the Amazon.

The fires not only have rendered large areas of the continent uninhabitable for humans, but they also have killed incredible numbers of wildlife -- some reports estimate half a billion creatures have perished -- threatening some species with extinction.

The bush fires have killed 24 persons and are causing health issues for every person in their path, especially those with existing lung diseases. The air quality in Canberra, the capital city, on New Year's Day was the worst in the world thanks to the smoke cloud that is as wide as Europe and now envelops much of the Australian continent.

The problems attendant to the bush fires are not confined to Australia. New Zealand, which is more than 1,200 miles across the ocean, is enduring toxic air pollution levels. In addition, the carbon that is being released by the burning of the bushland will increase even further the carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere that are the principal cause of global warming and climate change.

The influence of a changing climate is now evident in each day's global weather pattern, according to a study published last week in Nature Climate Change.

The study employed a new technique to analyze daily patterns of temperature and moisture across the globe. It found that the locations of above and below average temperature and moisture have been distinct from natural variations on every single day for almost a decade.

The bottom line is simply this: The world is getting hotter day by day and therefore bringing a dramatic change to our climate and environment. Some things, such as the massive fires in Australia, are dramatic and noticeable. Others, such as the gradual melting of the glaciers, are subtle, but their effects on the degradation of the planet are just as devastating.

It should be apparent to every thinking person that we are getting very close to a point of no return in terms of climate change. However, with governments across the globe in the hip pockets of the special interests who are opposed to the drastic measures that are needed to prevent further degradation of the environment, it is difficult to be optimistic about the future of our planet.

Your opinions, please

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Forum



THE OATH OF OFFICE

GUEST OP-ED

No eraser for 2019, but redemption in 2020

By Melissa Martin, Ph.D.

Will we be the same human beings in the new year? Will this year be different? Will humanity change? Along with 2020 comes the hope and yearning for a more peaceful human race. How do we do try to heal from the tragedies of 2019, but not forget?

Old Year

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And days o'lang syne!" Why do people belt out this tradition song on Dec. 31 at midnight? "Auld Lang Syne" is a Scottish limerick about past relationships. My take—we are to consider and contemplate on whether we want to remember ruptures of past friendships and to repair or not to

The year of 2019 is gone forever. Those 365 days cannot be undone or changed. No rewind button on mistakes. No magic wand to make the past disappear.

What Would Erase?

Mass shootings. In Dayton, Ohio, nine victims

died and 17 were wounded. Twenty-two victims died at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, in August. In Virginia, 12 victims died and four were wounded. We would erase death, trauma, and tragedy. Family and friends would not fall to their knees in anguish. Americans would not mourn with despair.

FEMA lists Disaster Declarations for USA by state for 2019. We would erase typhons, cyclones, hurricanes, tropical storms, massive floods, volcano eruptions, earthquakes, blizzards, sizzling heat waves, raging wildfires which, in turn, would erase loss of lives and property damage.

Accidents. Freak accidents. Vehicle accidents. Yes, we would erase accidents if we could.

What Would We Erase in Our Personal Lives?

Sometimes we desperately want to erase a day, a week, a month, or an entire vear. Acts done to us without our permission. Choices made that we regret. We cannot suck back in the words said in anger. Or unsay words we should have said. The tongue cannot undo a lie. The lips cannot un-tell a secret.

A spouse may want to erase a divorce and begin the marriage again. "There's silence at the table/He wants to talk but he's not able/For all the shame that's locked him deep inside/Oh, but her words are the medicine/ When she says they can begin again/And forgiveness will set him free tonight/ As heaven touches earth." Lyrics by Jason Gray to his song called "Every Act of Love."

If only we could have a do-over day in 2019 and go back in time to make a change. What would we do differently? Would we erase or overcome? Would we become stronger in the broken places or erase what caused the broken places?

Change, Grace and Redemption

"That is what life is about. We do not get redos, but we do get second chances."—Jeffrey Fry

According to a 2019 article in the Columbus Dispatch, Harley Blakeman, a former felon, graduated from Ohio State University with a business degree, and recently stated a website that helps companies connect with former criminals seeking employment.

"God answers the mess

of life with one word: Grace."—Max Lucado

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all. That's the eighth step in the 12 Steps of AA. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it. That's the 10th step.

"Redemption isn't giving a bank robber a job as a teller."—Jane Velez-Mitchell

In this fallen world, sometimes we need to seek justice before we give mercy. And perpetrators deserve prosecution. Consequences are a reality when

Alas, we cannot erase situations, happenings, or events in 2019. We cannot erase tragedy or trauma. We

cannot erase mistakes. But we can reflect on 2019 and become more aware, focus on change, give and accept forgiveness, renew hope, and make 2020 a better year.

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Piers Park Sailing Center releases its annual report

By John Lynds

This week the Piers Park Sailing Center (PPSC) released its annual report that highlights the neighborhood sailing program's accomplishments and partnerships in 2019, as well its goals for 2020.

"As the year comes to a close, we are reflecting back on all of our programs in 2019 and looking ahead to our plans for the future," said PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo. "We are very proud to share our annual report. This year was a landmark year for Piers Park Sailing Center. We introduced new programs and strengthened our core continuum of services with over 2,750 youth, 550 disabled sailors, and 41 instructional staff taking the helm on Boston Harbor this

year."

DeFronzo said one of PPSC's most exciting new partnerships formed 2019 was with Camp Harbor View on Long Island in Boston Harbor. At this location, PPSC instructors provided sailing lessons for more than 200 Boston youth. "We

also introduced eight additional free community sailing and kayaking days in partnership with Save the Harbor / Save the Bay, The American City Coalition, and Harborkeepers," said DeFronzo. "From Hyde Park to Orient Heights, residents across the city got on the harbor through PPSC's programs."

DeFronzo said PPSC's home community of Eastie continued to grow in numbers last year with more than 800 Eastie youth parwith financial need. ticipating in after school "This year about 80

and summer programs. "Many students that par-

ticipated in Ocean Science After School or Climate NATURE (in partnership with Eastie Farm and Harborkeepers) during the winter joined us for summer programming this year - in part thanks to excellent new swimming instruction for East Boston youth provided by the East Boston YMCA," said De-Fronzo. "We also created or expanded partnerships with Revere Parks and Recreation, Elevate Youth, the Bedford VA Hospital, Boston Public Schools, and Triangle Inc. Working collaboratively magnifies impact and is a key value at Piers Park Sailing Center." In 2020 DeFronzo said

reported family income be-

PPSC looks forward to making the program even more accessible to families

port," percent of youth served

\$50,000 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to achieve this goal." DeFronzo said PPSC has already begun strategic planning to guide its vision over the next three years and beyond.

iting community feedback and we're excited to share our guiding statement of values in this annual resaid DeFronzo. "Thank you for making our work possible and we hope that you will look through the full report."

"We are currently solic-

ST. JOSEPH - ST. LAZARUS PARISH SIXTH ANNUAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

Seven local choirs performed in the St. Joseph – St. Lazarus Parish sixth Annual Choir Festival on Jan. 5, in celebration of the Lord's Epiphany, when the three Magi paid homage to the infant Jesus. Father Mirek Kowalczyk, Pastor, prayed that the Lord would fill all hearts with joy and peace.



The Madonna Queen Shrine Brazilian choir.



Master of Ceremonies Paul Racki, St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Parish Music director.



Mathews Ramos, who helps his mother clean St. Joseph -St. Lazarus Parish, performing "The 12 Days of Christmas."



St. John the Evangelist Church choir performing "Were You There on That Christmas Night?"



Father Mirek Kowalczyk and Father Antonio Eucinel De-Souza welcoming listeners.



St. Joseph - St. Lazarus choir singing "One Cold and Blessed Winter."

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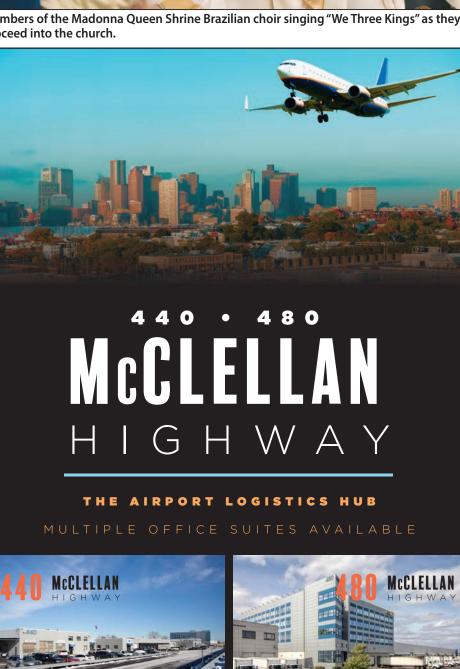
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nior Center in Charlestown, bootcamp in the ADSL Building at Town Field in Dorchester, barre at BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury, POUND at Anna Mae Cole Center in Jamaica Plain, chair yoga at Morville House in the Fenway, Zumba at BCYF Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain, and cardio fitness at the Bubble

at Carter Field in Roxbury/ South End. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for kids

and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. By engaging in a citywide effort to increase opportunities for physical activity, BPHC and the Parks De-

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partment aim to further re-

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10,000 units of housing, including more affordable units than have ever been created in Boston by a single project.

"We're grateful for the partnership of the Building Trades Unions and John Moriarity & Associates and our elected officials, in ensuring that Suffolk Downs will be union-built and that our construction efforts will provide economic opportunity to the Boston and Revere communities," said HYM Founding Partner and Managing Director Thomas O'Brien, "This project will only be successful if the people who build, live and work at Suffolk Downs and in the surrounding community are successful. This agreement ensures that the richness of diversity in Boston and Revere is reflected in the people who will be building

this project." HYM and JMA are pledging \$2 million in investments that will go towards supporting employment pipelines to quality union careers. Half of the \$2 million will go towards skill-building initiatives specifically for Eastie and Revere residents.

The development team will work with the City of Boston Office of Workforce Development to invest in workforce training programs such as ESL classes, teaching soft skills, and computer and technical

Another program benefiting from the PLA will be Building Pathways. Originally founded by Boston Mayor Martin Walsh the program increases participation and access in the construction industry for women and people of color through apprenticeship preparedness, training and advocacy.

"It's great to see the Building Pathways program benefitting in such a significant way from work at Suffolk Downs, which will help build the talent pipeline here in Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "I want to thank all partners involved for this incredible agreement that will go a long way towards building up our middle class with good careers and access to opportunity."

Executive Director of Building Pathways Mary Vogel added, "An entire generation of new construction workers in the area will experience family-sustaining career opportunities thanks to this agreement and the access it will create at a scale rarely seen. Through this project labor agreement, HYM, the Building Trades Unions, and the Cities of Boston and Revere will generate opportunity for thousands of women and people of color including those who graduate through our program. It's great news for workers, for the community, and for the economy of Greater Boston."

Of the signing of the PLA, City Councilor Lydia Edwards said it is critical that Eastie residents benefit from the city's economic growth as unprecedented development surges toward the skyline.

"With this project labor agreement, a graduating senior at East Boston High School could walk to work for the next two decades, join a union, earn a strong wage, and bring resources back into the community," said Edwards.

John Moriarty of John Moriarty & Associates said his company's top priority has always been, and always will be, investing in our workforce.

"These additional benefits will make an impact to ensure that the men and women we work with will live better on and off the job," said Moriaty.





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New documents highlight interactions between BPS and ICE

By John Lynds

Documents secured through a Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice's lawsuit show far more extensive interactions between Boston Public Schools (BPS) and federal immigration enforcement than the City has previously admitted.

According to the documents provided to the East Boston Times, since 2014 at least 135 student incident reports generated by BPS have been made accessible to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) via the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC)--an information-sharing network of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The lawsuit stems from an incident at East Boston High School that involved two students trying to start a fight at the High School, but were unsuccessful in doing so. According to the school police report, the matter was resolved at the school level without any physical altercation and "school administrators along with School Police spoke with all the students involved and mediated this incident."

However, while cooler heads prevailed an incident report was filed by School Police advising that the incident report would be sent to BRIC, a network of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies including ICE.

While ICE maintains that the agency does not

have access to student incident records except in extreme circumstances such as "gang-related homicides or possible threats to public safety," Matt Cregor of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice accused School Police of making unsubstantiated gang allegation on reports about immigrant students allows these reports to enter into BRIC and later by ICE. Cregor argues that School Police may be overusing the word 'gang' or 'gang-related' on these reports to ensure the reports find their way to federal authorities. The incident and subsequent police report at EBHS was used as evidence against the student in his deportation proceedings. The student was sent back to El Salvador after

the incident. BRIC is funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and housed within the Boston Police Department. Advocacy organizations that released information called upon BPS to shut down this school-to-deportation pipeline immediately and to cease all collusion with

"The extent of BPS collusion with federal immigration enforcement is alarming, and much more extensive than the City has let on," said Attorney Janelle Dempsey of Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR). "BPS is creating a dangerous school-to-deportation pipeline that must be stopped immediately."

Roger Rice, Executive

Director of Multicultural Education, Training and Advocacy, Inc. (META), another of the Plaintiff organizations, added, "The City needs to be transparent about its practices. Boston claims to be a sanctuary city, yet City officials continue to place students at risk of deportation through

entanglement with ICE." However, since the lawsuit was filed Mayor Martin Walsh and BPS both maintain that schools do not share student information with the feds unless there's a threat to public safety, the school or the student body.

"The lawsuit caught me by surprise, there was no communication from Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice and my office," said Walsh in a statement after the lawsuit was filed. "The assertion that the City of Boston or the School Department is turning information over to the federal authorities is not true. We are very sensitive to the information we have as it pertains to students. We don't turn the information over, we are not required to turn the information over. However, if there is an incident, and we are talking a real serious incident that might be a concern to the police that's a whole different conversation. There's an insinuation in this lawsuit that we are turning records over and we simply are not doing that nor are we going

to do that in the future." Walsh said he could not be any clearer in his support of immigrant families and undocumented living in the City of Boston.

According to the BPS. unless ordered to do so by a court of law, the school department does not provide law enforcement authorities with copies of any student records, which are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). However, BPS School Police can share school incident reports, which are different than student records and are considered police reports, with their partners at the Boston Police Department when it is a matter of public safety. Examples include records related to potential suspects involved in gang-related homicides or possible threats to public safety. School incident reports are created and maintained by BPS School Police for law enforcement purposes and, as law enforcement records, are not considered to be student

records. The type of serious incident that the city and BPS will not take lightly is the one that occurred at EBHS back in March2 2018. That month, only a few days after the mass school shooting that killed 17 in Florida, police arrested 19-yearold Kevin Vasquez Funes and charged him under the 'bomb threat' statute. Funes allegedly told fellow students he planned to shoot up the school. The Salvadoran national was later detained by ICE agents at his home after it was found he entered the U.S. illegally in 2015.

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Joe Gaeta. "He has grown here at the East Boston 'Y' and we have seen him evolve into a community leader. The 'Y' will now be able to focus more energy on engaging more youth and families through fun, educational and healthy activities."

Gaeta said Fuentes has grown the Y's teen programs, sports programs and more recently the Y's family engagement programs.

Through strong community building and partnerships Carlos is seen in our community and our Y as a bridge builder for inclusivity and teamwork," said Gaeta. "In his new role he will be able to create new and exciting opportunities for our youth and families in East Boston."

Fuentes holds a BS in

Social Work from Wheelock College and is an eight-year YMCA professional whose portfolio has greatly expanded as his career has evolved over time.

Raised in Chelsea, residents, classmates, and childhood friends remember Fuentes as the personable and multi-talented member of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club (JBGC), the hard-working and helpful student at Chelsea High School (Class of 2009), or the diligent staff member at the Chelsea Collaborative where he worked with administrators Gladys Vega and Roseann Bongiovanni before joining the East Boston YMCA team.

Fuentes is part of the LGBT community, and he is often sought out for advice by people who consider him an inspiration and a source of support.

This past summer Fuentes was the keynote speaker at the annual Massport LGBTO flag-raising ceremony at Piers Park.

"I felt very alone in my community," said Fuentes at the time. "Yes, there were many Latinos in my community and in my school but I felt like I didn't belong because being gay was not common in my community. Today, our LGBT community is growing especially at the 'Y'. At the 'Y' we have made a commitment of inclusion. We work to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, gender, cultural background, income, race or sexual orientation has the same opportunity to reach his or her full potential with dignity. "For All" is a simple but powerful phrase. However without it the Y's mission is incomplete. Our commitment to inclusion creates better communities, a better country and a better

world." James Morton, YMCA of Greater Boston president and CEO, recently lauded Fuentes who is part of a caring, dedicated staff that has made the 'Y' a true community resource in

Eastie.

'Carlos' story is truly an inspiration to all," said Morton. "When people join the Y, they are seeking to improve themselves, but in actuality they are also part of creating a better community. The Y helps teens with job training, academic support, and college prep help."

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Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**, at **5:30 p.m.** a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held at:

15 Transportation Way East Boston, MA 02128

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s):

b. Approval of Minutes November 12, 2020 5:35

Vote - Officers for the Board of Directors 5:40

Draft Treasurer's Report - 2019 6:05

at February 2020 Meeting) 6:10

Other New Business 6:20 Adjournment of public meeting

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AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND A copy of this notice has also been posted on the organization's website at:

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and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the

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ing hard to create the best transportation options for residents in Boston. I look forward to working with the East Boston community to make transportation better for all."

The Transportation Action Committee in Eastie will address the unique circumstances in the neighborhood. The committee will include local residents, advocates and stakeholders.

In November, Mayor Walsh announced a significant milestone reached on the implementation of the City's Go Boston 2030 transportation plan, with more than half of the 58 projects and policies identified in the plan currently underway. The comprehensive plan was unveiled in 2017, and is designed to provide, by the year 2030, a safe, reliable and equitable transportation system that also supports Boston's climate goals. In just two years, the Boston Transportation Department and its partners have made significant progress on their planning goals, designed to increase safety, accessibility, equity and affordability in transportation for all residents. Twenty-one projects are already in implementation and another 17 are in

Important projects under consideration in Eastie include improving bus reliability on Meridian Street, designing Bennington Street to be safer and more bike friendly, and reimagining Day Square with additional public space.

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The Times encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.

Items can also be faxed to 781-485-1403. We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to deb@reverejournal.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

BLOOD DRIVE

A Community Blood Drive will be held at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020 from 12:30 until 5:30 p.m. The Elks is located at 191 Washington Avenue, Winthrop.Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome but you may experience a wait time.

JEFFRIES YACHT CLUB MEETING AGENDA

The next Jeffries Yacht Club meeting is on Monday, January 13, 2020 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on 565 Sumner Street.

Below please find the agenda for the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association scheduled monthly meeting for January 2020. The meeting will be held at the Jeffries Yacht Club located at 565 Sumner Street in East Boston.

AGENDA (subject to change):

- Greetings & Announcements
- Police Updates -Sergeant Martin, Officer Simons.
- Community Updates - Lina Tramelli, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.
- Board **JPNA** – 2019 Year in Review
- Michelle Wu At-Large Boston City Councilor
- the Speak for Trees
- 182 Webster St (VOTE!) - Owner, Julius Sokol. Proposal to change occupancy from a 3-family to a 4- family, construct a

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rear addition on 4th floor, construct exterior rear deck and stairway to extend Unit #1 living space into the basement.

Joe Boncore, State Senator – Year in review

We will be holding everyone to a time limit, and asking audience members to limit themselves to one question per topic.

EAST BOSTON **SOCIAL CENTER'S SENIOR PROGRAM OFFERING SPANISH** LANGUAGE **CLASSES** The Senior Program

at the East Boston Social Centers is now offering Spanish Language Classes for adults over 60 years old. Classes are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Room 209. All are welcome to attend. Class is taught by Mr. Montaro. No need to register, just come by on Wednesday at 10 a.m. for this fun class. The East Boston Social Centers is located at 68 Central Square.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

Harbor View Neighborhood Association First Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Edward Brooke Charter School, 145 Byron St.

Kiwanis Club of East Boston First and Third Tuesday of every month 6 p.m. at Spinelli's Restaurant in Day Square. New members welcome

Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association

6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, 565 Sumner St. Orient Heights Neighborhood Association Third Monday of every month.

6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54

Second Monday of every month.

Friends of The East Boston Library Second Thursday every month

6:30 p.m. at the branch library, 365

Bremen Street

Friend of the East Boston Greenway Fourth Thursday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Anna DeFronzo Center, 395 Maverick St. All are welcome to

Maverick Central Neighborhood Asso-

Third Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St.

Gove Street Citizens Association Last Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room

Eagle Hill Civic Association Last Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at East Boston High School Cafeteria, 86 White St.

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duce barriers to active living and achieve the goal of ensuring that Bostonians have ample opportunities to be active year-round thanks to the expansion of this program. Outdoor activities are weather permitting.

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Boston Police report crime down 12 percent in Eastie for 2019

By John Lynds

Last week East Boston rang in the New Year, and the Boston Police had some exciting news to share about crime in the community with a 12 percent decrease in Part One Crime

Police compared two periods Jan. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2018 against Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 31,

There were 82 less Part One Crimes reported when

comparing the same period in 2018 with 2019. In total there were 576 Part One Crimes compared to the 658 incidents that occurred in 2018.

In 2018, there were 221 larcenies reported, but that number dropped to 197 in

There was also a decrease in robbery and attempted robberies. In 2018 there were 81 reports of robbery and attempted robberies. That number has dropped to just 57 this year.

Residential burglaries also dropped with 74 occuring in 2018 and 48 occurring in 2019.

Non-domestic aggravated assault dropped from 80 to 49 while domestic aggravated assault increased by two from 39 reported in 2018 and 41 reported in

Larceny from a motor vehicle increased slightly with 91 reported in 2018 and 106 reported in 2019 while auto theft dropped from 48 to 43. Other larceny dropped from 221 to 197.

Commercial burglaries became a problem in 2019 with an increase from 7 in 2018 to 23 in 2019. However, police say one man responsible for the uptick in commercial burglaries was arrested after an investigation.

Other burglaries remained the same with zero occurring in both 2018 and 2019.

Rape or attempted rape

decreased by six when compared to 2018 with 16 incidents reported last year compared to the 10 reported this year.

Homicides increased by one with one murder in 2018 and two occuring in 2019.

Overall Eastie saw the third biggest decrease in crime behind Roxbury that saw a 16 percent reduction in crime, and South Boston that saw a 14 percent reduction in crime.

Citywide Boston expe-

"I never had to call him to

rienced a five percent decrease in crime overall.

Anyone looking to assist police in any investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner.



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dreds of hot dogs for the hungry masses at the event held at Piers Park.

"Smiley was the best," said Eastie Pride Day founder and former City Councilor Sal LaMattina.

ask him to volunteer because he was one of the people we could always count on. He was one of the best guys around and was always willing to help anyone who needed it. He was a dear friend, and will

> and loved him." Smiley was also present at numerous other neighborhood celebrations like the District A-7 Halloween Party on Paris Street around

be missed by all who knew

the block from his home. It would bring Smiley great joy to hand out candy to all the kids in the neighborhood during the annual

Smiley was also known for his dry sense of humor and could bring a smile to anyone's face by simply making an observation or a quick joke about certain situations.

"I'm so sad to hear of Smiley's passing," said Celeste Myers. "He was a gentleman and a true community caretaker. My most sincere sympathy to the family. Rest in peace Smi-

Then on Friday, Jan. 3 the community lost Peter Felt who died suddenly at Mass. General Hospital.

Mr. Felt brought joy to children, adults and seniors alike each and every Christmas season playing Santa Clause during Eastie's tree lighting ceremonies, caroling events and special holiday luncheons and dinners.

Although Mr. Felt grew up in Revere and lived in Winthrop, he was committed to numerous organizations here in Eastie as a volunteer. He would play Santa for the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis and, a few weeks before Christmas, play Santa for dozens of children and adults with special needs at an annual dinner at Spinel-

Mr. Felt wouldn't hesitate to lend a helping hand, listen to a story or share a story with you.

"The life God has given me has grown my family far beyond people that are blood," said Jose Ruggiero III. "The impact (Peter Felt) had is endless. I was blessed to know you and love you. You're always with us Peter Felt."

Mr. Felt was also an advocate for those struggling with addiction. At the time of his passing he had 44 years of sobriety under his

"Thank you, Peter Felt for always having your hand out and always willing to help another who was sick and suffering," said Ann Marie. "They don't make them like you anymore. You will be so missed."

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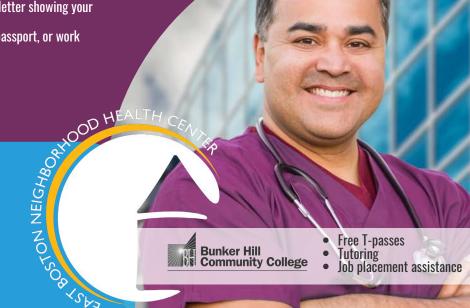
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24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR **CHANGE OF NAME** Docket No. SU19C0639CA In the matter of: Alexia Lashae A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Alexia Lashae Parks of East Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Alexia Lashae Lindell Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk **Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/23/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK Division **DIVORCE SUMMONS** BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 Docket No. SU19D1886DR Francisca Pizarro

Plaintiff Jairo Garcia Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing

which would negatively

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Felix D. Arroyo,

1/8/20

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You are hereby summoned Rosy M. Soto and required to serve upon Defendant To the Defendant: Francisca Pizarro, 135 Homestead St., Boston, MA The Plaintiff has filed a 02121 your answer, if any Complaint for Divorce on or before 01/30/2020. requesting that the If you fail to do so, the court Court grant a divorce for will proceed to the hearing Irretrievable breakdown on 12/09/2019. and adjudication of his The Complaint is on file at action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, the Court. if any, in the office of the An Automatic Restraining Register of this Court. Order has been entered Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, in this matter preventing First Justice of this Court. you from taking any action which would negatively Date: December 5, 2019

status of either party. SEE **LEGAL NOTICE**

Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Gregory R. B arison, Esq. Barison Law Boston, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 1400 Boston, MA 02114 your answer, if any on or before 02/17/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of his action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon, Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 16, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo,

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Eversource is in the process of finalizing the exterior design of the proposed East Eagle Substation, part of the Mystic - East Eagle - Chelsea Reliability Project. This project will improve the electric system in the Greater Boston area, so customers will continue to have reliable power to meet their growing energy needs. As an important part of the process, residents of the East Eagle community are invited to attend and offer aesthetic design feedback at an upcoming open house.

Open House:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 Drop in between 5:30–7:30 p.m. East Boston High School 86 White Street, East Boston, MA 02128

Keeping the lines of communication open is an important part of our work in the community. The open house is designed to give residents an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions about the next steps in the project.

For more information about this proposed project, please send an email to ProjectInfo@eversource.com, call 800-793-2202 or visit Eversource.com.

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Infórmese sobre la propuesta del proyecto de la subestación en East Boston.

Eversource está finalizando el diseño exterior del proyecto de la subestación East Eagle, que forma parte del Proyecto de fiabilidad Mystic - East Eagle - Chelsea. El proyecto mejorará el sistema eléctrico del área de Greater Boston para que los clientes sigan contando con energía eléctrica confiable para satisfacer sus crecientes necesidades energéticas. Como parte importante del proceso, los residentes de la comunidad de East Eagle están invitados a la próxima reunión abierta para brindar su opinión sobre la propuesta estética de diseño.

Reunión abierta:

Martes 14 de enero de 2020 Acérquese de 5:30 a 7:30 p.m. East Boston High School 86 White Street, East Boston, MA 02128

Mantener abiertas las vías de comunicación es una parte importante de nuestro trabajo en la comunidad. La reunión abierta está pensada para brindar a los residentes la oportunidad de dar su opinión y hacer preguntas sobre los siguientes pasos del proyecto.

Para obtener más información sobre el proyecto propuesto, envíe un correo electrónico a ProjectInfo@eversource.com, Ilame al 800-793-2202 o visite Eversource.com.

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Marguerite Connolly

Newspaper artist, member of Winthrop Art Guild and Zonta International

Marguerite (Chandler) Connolly, daughter of the late Margaret J. Davis, of Beachmont, Revere, formerly of Cambridge, passed away on Jan. 5 surrounded by her loving family at the age of 92.

Marguerite, or 'Peggy' as she was fondly known, was an artist with the Malden Evening News and the Newspaper Guild. She spoke of many fond memories as a substitute teacher in the Revere School district, mainly at the Garfield School. Peggy was a member of the Winthrop Art League and Zonta International, an organization of professional women. She will be dearly missed by her family and

She was the devoted mother of Thomas Connolly and his wife, Mary of Winthrop, John Connolly of Revere, Judith McGhee and her husband, William of Winthrop and Robert Connolly Sr. and his wife, Susan of Revere; cherished grandmother of Meghan Robinson and her husband, Michael, Erin Petti and her husband, Ryan, Christopher Connolly and his wife, Melanie, Ian Connolly and his wife, Liz, Ryan



Connolly and his husband, Jorgenson, Robert Connolly Jr., and Abby Connolly and adored great-grandmother of Seamus, Ronan, Brianna, Victoria, Michaela, Emmeline, and Sadie.

Her funeral will be held at

the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St., Revere, Thursday, Jan. 9, at 10:15 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A visitation will be held today, Wednesday, from 4 to 7 p.m. Interment will be in Winthrop Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, an organization that was so close to Peggy's heart. For guest book please visit www. Buonfiglio.com.

Antonietta Bellanti

Of East Boston

Antonietta (LoGiudice) Bellanti of East Boston passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family, on Thursday, Jan. 2. She was the beloved wife of the late Felice Bellanti, devoted mother of Maria Polcaro and the late Antonio of Winthrop, Joseph Bellanti and his wife, Pavlina of Beverly and Dorothy Roan and her husband, Daniel Sr. of Saugus; dear sister of Eleonora Loi and the late Teresa and Gugliemo LoGiudice; cherished grandmother of Lisa-Marie Marriott, Generoso Polcaro, Antonietta Adler, Daniel Roan Jr., Kristen Roan, and Brandon Roan, Helena Bellanti, Filip Bellanti, Sara Bellant and adored great-grandmother of Joseph A. Marriott, Gianna Marriott, Anthony Polcaro, Julia Polcaro, Jason Adler and Thomas Roan. She is survived by many fond nieces and nephews. Family and friends will



honor Antonietta's life by gathering in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, today, Wednesday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Antonietta being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Felice, at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. May they rest in peace. For more information, please visit www. ruggieromh.com.

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OBITUARIES

Frances Cristello Centenarian

Frances R. (Natale) Cristello, 100, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 5 at home surrounded by her loving family.

The cherished daughter of the late Joseph and Carmela (Marafino) Natale, she was the beloved wife of the late Frank J. Cristello, loving mother of Camille J. Cristello, caring sister of the late Anna Marotta, Frank Natale and Gilda Pennell and adored aunt of Mary Ann Marotta, Mary Ann Carvalho and her husband, Rick, Janice Natale, Linda Natale and Anthony Cristello and his wife, Carol. She is also survived by many loving great-nieces and neph-

Family and friends will honor Frances' life by gathering in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere on Thursday, Jan. 9 from 4 to 8 p.m.



and again at 9 a.m. Friday morning before leaving in procession to St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Revere for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in her honor at 10 a.m. Entombment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frances' memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by visiting www. stjude.org. For guestbook and directions please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Thomas Cadden

Lifelong resident of Jeffries Point

Thomas M. "Tommy" Cadden, a lifelong resident of Jeffries Point, East Boston died on Dec. 31.

The son of the late Bridget (O'Leary) and Bernard Cadden, he is survived by his son, Shane Cadden of Florida and his sister, Mary and her husband, William Rose of Billerica. Tommy was the brother of the late Elizabeth Hafey, Margaret DeBellis, Owen, James, William, John and Bernard Cadden and is also survived by three generations of nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the Most Holy Redeemer Church, 72 Maverick St., East Boston on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are



invited. Visiting with family in church prior to Mass commencing at 9 a.m. Interment of ashes in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tommy's memory to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. MagrathFuneralHome.com.

Fourth Year Anniversary

Gennario "Jerry" Del Prete

January 6, 2016 – January 6, 2020



(Selso) Your presence we miss, Your memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never. Dearer still as the years depart, He lives forever in our heart.



We will love and miss you always, Rita, Anthony & Family

Peter Felt

As Santa, he spread Christmas cheer all over Massachusetts

Peter A. Felt of Winthrop formerly of Revere, passed away suddenly, surrounded by his loving family at Mass. General Hospital after a brief

Peter was born in Revere on April 3,1943 to Joseph and Doris (Freedman) Felt. He graduated from Revere High School in 1962 and then went on to work at various restaurants and night clubs on Revere Beach before starting his own painting company, as well as working for the Revere Housing Authority for 20 years. He became a friend of Bill W. on July 16, 1975, and passed away with 44 years of sobriety.

He met the love of his life, Patti Hurley in 1985. After several years of courting, dating and convincing, they were married on Dec. 14, 1991. Peter and Patti lived in Revere and Winthrop, and no matter where they were, they always had a home welcoming to all. Peter was never shy to share his opinion, however, he was always your biggest advocate. He wouldn't hesitate to lend a helping hand, listen to a story or his favorite, share a story with you.

Later in life, Peter became Santa. He spread the Christmas Cheer all over Massachusetts, often volunteering for hours for people



in need to try and brighten their day. He will be missed by many.

Peter is survived by his wife, Patricia "Patti" Hurley-Felt, his son, Charles "Buddy" Felt, grandchildren Madison and CJ Felt, brother Charles Felt and his wife, Catherine and many loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and countless friends. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Joseph Felt.

Family and friends honored Peter's life by gathering at St. John the Evangelist Church in Winthrop on Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Winthrop CASA 45 Pauline St., Winthrop, MA. For more information or to send an online condolence, visit ruggieromh.com.

Salvatore Mattera

Of East Boston

Salvatore C. "Smiley" Mattera of East Boston passed away on Dec. 31.

The beloved husband of the late Marie S. (Coderre) Mattera, he was the loving father of Marie Ciaccio and her husband, Lenny of Lynn, David Videtti and his wife, Kelley of Chelsea and Stacey Mattera of Framingham; dear brother of Josephine Magaletta and her late husband, Roger "Pinky" of Groton and Ronald Mattera and his wife, Nicolette and Michael Mattera and his wife, Carmella, all of East Boston; cherished grandfather of Brandon and his wife, Gina, Jarred, Joshua, Madison, Nathan and Giovanna. He is also survived by many loving



nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, (Orient Heights) East Boston. Smiley was laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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RICHARD *ADDARIO*

January 11, 2010



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As I sit in Heaven And watch you everyday I try to let you know with signs I never went away I hear you when you're laughing And watch you as you sleep I even place my arms around you To calm you as you weep I see you wish the days away Begging to have me home So I try to send you signs So you know you are not alone Don't feel guilty that you have Life that was denied to me Heaven truly is beautiful Just you wait and see

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OBITUARIES

Stan Bakunowicz

Of Revere

Stan Bakunowicz of Revere passed away on Dec.

He was the loving son of Livercina (Dos Santos) Bakunowicz and the late Anton, dear brother of Paul Bakunowicz and his wife, Maria of Florida, Sonia Santilli and her husband, Pat of East Boston and the late Ronny and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the family's wishes all services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations



can be made in Stan's name to a charity of choice. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Mary Ann E. Carlson

Of East Boston

Mary Ann E. (McGinness) Carlson of East Boston, formerly of Lynn passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at Mass. General Hospital, Boston.

Daughter of the late William and Mary (Pedro) McGinness. Wife of the late Allan Carlson and beloved mother of Daneen Carlson of Lynn, Dawn Reno and her husband Brian of Tyler, TX, Dena Filali and her husband Yasser of Tampa, Fl. Sister of Kathleen Gross

of San Diego, CA, Carol and Helen McGinness, both of East Boston and the late Eileen Beaupre of Mapleton,

Cherished grandmother of Lissette Godfrey, David, Daniel and Sierra Gerena,



Ayah Accia, Adam and Alia Filali. Also survived by six great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Private family burial was held in Holy Cross Cemetery,

In lieu of flowers donations in Mary Ann's memory to your favorite charity would be appreciated.

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Jennie Manfra

Past member of Beachmont VFW and avid Elvis fan

Jennie (Zozzi) Manfra of East Boston passed away peacefully on Dec. 31. Jennie was a past mem-

ber of The Beachmont VFW and an avid Elvis fan. The beloved wife of the late Edward Manfra, she was the devoted mother of Edward Manfra, Denise Manfra and her husband, Don Lasecki of Las Vegas, NV and the late Jeanne M. Sasso and her surviving husband, Michael Sasso; dear sister of the late Mary, Nicolina, Lucy, Anthony "Harry" and Ann "Annie" and cherished grandmother of Michelle Ambrosino and Eddie Sasso ; adored great-grandmother of Bianca Teazis and her husband, Mike, Alexa Bonavita and her husband, Nick, Franky Ambrosino and Isabella Sasso and loving great-greatgrandmother of Violet Jeanne and Sienna Jeanne. She held a special place in her heart



for her niece, Doris Puopolo and nephew, Joey Gaughan and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family and friends will honor Jennie's life by gathering on Jan. 11 at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a 1 p.m. prayer service in our serenity chapel. For more information or to send an online condolence, visit ruggieromh.com.

Philip Romano

Proprietor of Romano Truck Leasing LLC and longtime member of Winthrop Elks

Philip "Phil" Romano passed away peacefully on Dec. 31.

Philip was the proprietor of Romano Truck Leasing LLC., a past employee of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and a longtime member of the Winthrop Elks. Philip enjoyed anything to do with the ocean and working on machinery. May he rest in peace. He was the beloved father of Lu Ann Arciero and her husband, Thomas of East Boston and Paula Duggan and her husband, Thomas of Bradford; dear brother of the late Annetta Romano, Virginia Cotter, Irene Marcucci and Louis "Chick" Romano; cherished grandfather of Ashley, Jason, Krysta, and Courtney and former husband of Mary (Lentini) Romano. He is also survived by many

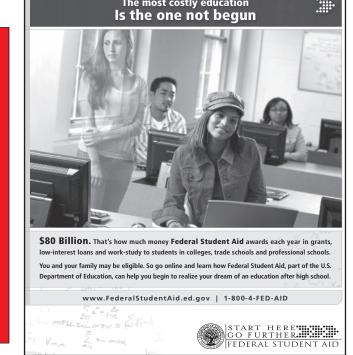


loving nieces. nephews and the late Michael Marcucci. In accordance with the family's wishes, all services will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Philip's name to Healing Winds North Shore, 6 Lynde Street #2 Salem, MA 01970, www. healingwindsusa.org. For more information or to send an online condolence, please visit ruggieromh.com.



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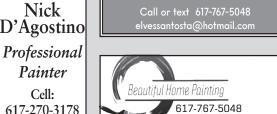
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"I'm excited to have you and have new voices as a part of the conversation as we move Boston forward," Wash said. "I want to make sure that Boston is the best city for everyone who wants to live here and be here." He said that right now, there is "zero partnership" in Washington, D.C., and that he believes "Boston can and must show a way forward." Walsh added that Boston will continue to lead with its values, and he is "honored to do this work alongside you," he told the

councilors. After the inauguration ceremony, the councilors headed across the street to City Hall for their first meeting together. District 7 Councilor Kim Janey was elected council president, succeeding Andrea Campbell, who was the first black woman to hold the title.

In her speech, Janey thanked her fellow council members, especially Andrea Campbell for her leadership on racial equity, as well as Mayor Walsh and her family. She also outlined work the council has done this past year, and what she believes needs to be focused on in the coming term.

"I am so proud of the work that we have accomplished together," she told her colleagues. "There is no better way to begin this term than by working with you to create a more inclusive and equitable Boston for all." Janey promised to continue to prioritize racial equity and inclusion as a City Council.

"Representation matters," Janey continued. This council is made up of the first openly gay woman, the first Latina woman, and is more representative of the City of Boston as a whole, she said. "My district has rich history and amazing cultural assets," she said, but it is also "ground zero for many of the inequalities in our city." There is an "enormous wealth gap" despite economic prosperity in the city, and the housing affordability crisis continues, she added.

She also talked about other issues plaguing the city, such as the climate change crisis, which she said "needs urgent action," as well as car congestion that brings the "flow of traffic to a grinding halt." 'Gun violence is also still too prevalent in many of the city's neighborhoods, she said.

"Working together, we passed the short term rental ordinance, millions of dollars in affordable housing, the wetlands protection ordinance, and a new strengthened Trust Act to protect our immigrant brothers and sisters," Janey said of the council's work this past year.

"We must work collaboratively in our efforts to create a bright future for all of Boston," she said. She also announced the creation of a City Council Committee on Payment in Lieu of Taxes, as this has been a focus of the Council especially this past year. She also proposed free MBTA buses to help with the economic disparities still felt strongly throughout the city. "This is a climate justice and economic justice issue," she said of transportation. "The dangerous decisions coming out of the White House are putting us all at risk and jeopardize our ability to live out the American Dream. Who is at the table matters," as it "determines not only what is served, but who gets to eat."

Despite the many issues the city faces, Janey appears ready to take on her new role.

"We must be intentional in creating economic opportunities for local residents, women, and people of color," she said "As the new council president leading the most diverse City Council in history into the new decade, I know the challenges before us require bold action, creative solutions, and strong leadership."



District 1 Councilor Lydia Edwards listens to the speech of new Council President Kim Janey along with At-large Councilor Annissa Essaibi George.



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low voters the opportunity to meet Kennedy and ask him questions regarding his candidacy, positions and priorities. All Town Halls are family-friendly, with activities for kids on-site.

Kennedy said the decision to hold a Spanish Language Town Hall in Eastie stems from his campaign's commitment to inclusion. The other Spanish Langage Town Hall will be held in Lawrence.

"At a moment when far too many feel cut out of our politics and ignored by their government, this campaign is about being present, bringing people in, and elevating every voice across the Commonwealth," said Kennedy. "These community Town Halls will give me the opportunity to hear directly from Massachusetts voters, listen to their stories, answer their questions, and let their agenda shape this campaign. I'm

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that starts with showing up for the people at home."

Last September Kennedy chose Eastie as the location to launch his campaign against incumbent U.S. Senator Ed Markey.

In front of a standing room only crowd at the East Boston Social Centers Kennedy said his choice of location was not by accident or a vain attempt to appeal to low-income families or the disenfranchised. The Kennedy Family's start in America is very much the same story as the hundreds of immigrants that now call Eastie home.

Patrick Kennedy fled New Ross, Ireland and abject poverty for a better life in the U.S. and married Bridget Murphy at Holy Redeemer Church in the mid 1800s, just a few blocks from the Social Cen-

"It is so extremely meaningful to me to be able to building is today, my father's family first arrived in this country," Kennedy said during his campaign launch. "Patrick Kennedy came, fleeing oppression, starvation, and he arrived here with literally nothing. He married a woman named Bridget Murphy. She ended up getting a store just down the road here over on Border Street. They built a family. Patrick passed away young from cholera. And from sheer force of will, and the help of a community, she kept

that family together." Patrick's son, P.J. Kennedy went on to become a successful saloon owner, ward boss and politician in Eastie. His son, Joseph P. Kennedy, the father of President John F. Kennedy and Joseph P. Kennedy III's grandfather, the late Robert Kennedy, started what would become a fam-



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